

Clewiston Library Board Minutes
May 21, 2025

- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Roll Call of Members-Present: Toni Couse, Mary Thomas, Cindy Carroll, Dr. Laura Jones, and Natasha Hayes. Absent: Mike Galassini, Frank Harris, and Cathy Metz.
- C. Minutes from Last Meeting
 - a. April 9, 2025-motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Thomas.
- D. Treasurer's Report - Mr. Harris reported that the balance is currently \$7,082.15 as of the latest bank statement which is dated for May 21, 2025.
 - a. Library Statistics & Calendars- Library statistics were provided via an Excel spreadsheet which explains/depicts the circulation counts of library materials, items cataloged/removed, programs, door count, and more.
- E. Old Business
 - a. Friends Donation Box-the box has been set up in the main area of the library and currently has a flyer displayed for the passing of the Adams' children. There are Friends of the Library brochures available on the side of the stand for patrons as well.
- F. New Business
 - a. New Library Funding
 - i. Room to Read Grant-SWFLN and the Collaboratory are working with Hendry and Glades counties in order to offer grant funding for literacy programs throughout the upcoming year. More details will come as Natasha will meet with SWFLN and the other branches to finalize the details.

- ii. STEAM Grant will provide our branch with approximately \$2,000 this summer for the summer reading program. These funds were provided to us via Suncoast Credit Union and the Collaboratory in Ft. Myers. This will help the Friends of the Library expand their programming capability throughout the year even more.
 - iii.
- b. Adult Programming-Maria is working to network with the community and bring adult programming to the library. We will be scheduling a Coffee with the Chief of police in the near future as well as hosting an author this coming Fall.
- c. Summer Reading Program Kick-Off to Summer Glow in the Dark Bingo-May 30th at 6 p.m.
 - i. Library staff is ready for our summer programs. We are excited to work with the Recreation Department again this year to host a glow in the dark event in order to kick summer off right!
- d. Adult Book Club Titles Ordered
 - i. The library has ordered physical books as well as ebooks of the titles that the book club will be reading.
- e. State Aid Approved
 - i. \$158,674-automatic deposit has been received.
- G. Date for Next Meeting-August 27, 2025 at 5 p.m.
 - a. Was rescheduled for September 3, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- H. Public Remarks-None.
- I. Adjournment-6:22 p.m.